

## 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Park System Advisory Board

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

### 2. Fiscal Year

2018

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Park System Advisory Board

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

559

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

Yes

### 5. Current Charter

01/08/2018

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

01/08/2020

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

54 U.S.C. 100906

### 13. Effective Date

08/18/1970

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 1 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
No meetings were held in FY 2018. On January 8, 2018, a renewal charter was filed for the Board, and subsequently amended in March 2018 to incorporate the Secretary of the Interior's priorities. The appointment process is underway to fill all vacancies on the Board. It is anticipated that the next meeting will be held in early FY 2019.	10/01/2017	09/30/2018

### Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 1

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$51,000.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$6,800.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$500.00	\$21,900.00

<b>18d. Total</b>	\$50,500.00	\$329,700.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.50	2.50

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The Board meets in an open, public forum receiving briefings and status updates from National Park Service officials regarding matters which have been or are scheduled to come before the Board, and/or issues in which the Board has expressed interest. Opportunity is provided for public response/comment on issues for consideration by the Board in formulating its recommendations. The use of a committee structure has enabled the Board to reach beyond its membership and tap expertise of non-members, greatly facilitating broadened accomplishments.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

Membership is composed of up to 12 citizens of the United States who have a demonstrated commitment to the mission of the National Park Service. Members are selected to represent various geographic areas, including each of the administrative regions of the National Park Service. Members are appointed as follows: (1) Four persons who have outstanding expertise in the physical and/or social sciences, such as (a) history or geography; (b) archeology or anthropology; (c) historical or landscape architecture; or (d) biology, ecology, geology, or marine sciences. (2) Three persons who have outstanding expertise in management of the following areas: (a) national or state parks; (b) forests, wildlife refuges, or other protected natural areas; (c) historic areas or sites; or (d) have an extensive background in natural or cultural resources management. (3) Five persons who have outstanding expertise in professional or scientific disciplines that are important to the National Park Service, such as: (a) financial management or business development; (b) historical or recreational land use management or planning; (c) business management, marketing or entrepreneurship; and (d) of which at least one individual shall also have extensive private sector experience. (4) Among all categories, at least one person who at the time of selection serves as a locally elected official from an area adjacent to a national park unit. (5) Among all categories, at least one person who is a veteran and/or has a physical impairment.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

Meetings of the full Board generally are scheduled twice a year, with interim meetings of committees as needed to conduct research and fact finding relevant to matters to come before the Board. The Board advice includes recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior on the designation of national historic landmarks (NHLs), national natural landmarks (NNLs), and recommendations as to the national historic significance of proposed national historic trails (NHTs). No meetings have been held in FY 2018. On

January 8, 2018, a renewal charter was filed for the Board, and subsequently revised in March 2018 to incorporate the Secretary of the Interior's priorities. The appointment process is underway to fill all vacancies on the Board. It is anticipated that the next meeting will be held in early FY 2019.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The National Park System Advisory Board to date is the only advisory body of its kind within the Department of the Interior with a mandate to advise the Secretary on issues relating to the National Park System in general. The Board has met regularly since its inception in 1935 with the exception of four lapses in its legislative authority. In each instance, procedures were implemented to administratively re-establish the Board by authority of the Secretary of the Interior. (1) The most recent instance occurred following the Board's statutory sunset on January 1, 2010. The Board was administratively re-established in January 2010. (2) On January 1, 2009, the Board's statutory authority expired. However, while the administrative rechartering was in progress, the Board's statutory authority was extended on March 11, 2009, with a sunset date of January 1, 2010. (3) The Board was administratively re-established on November 26, 2007, following a statutory sunset date of January 1, 2007. Immediately thereafter, the Board was statutorily re-authorized on December 26, 2007, and subsequently rechartered under the legislative authority. (4) Another lapse occurred between the Board's statutory sunset on January 1, 1995, and its administrative re-establishment on December 6, 1995. The administrative establishment continued until the Board's legislative reauthorization and reestablishment under Public Law 104-333, November 12, 1996.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings of the Board are open.

**21. Remarks**

(1) ESTABLISHMENT AUTHORITY--On January 1, 2010, the statutory authority establishing the National Park System Advisory Board (54 U.S.C. 102303 (part of the 1935 Historic Sites. Buildings and Antiquities Act)) expired. Pending congressional action to further extend the legislative authorization, the Board was re-established as a discretionary committee beginning January 2010 by authority of the Secretary of the Interior under 54 U.S.C. 100906. (2) MEMBERSHIP--In accordance with Department of the Interior guidelines regarding discretionary committees, members of the Board currently serve as special government employees (SGEs).

## Designated Federal Officer

P. Daniel Smith Deputy Director, National Park Service

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Beckstoffer, Andrew	06/13/2018	06/13/2022	President, Tuck Beckstoffer Wines, St. Helena, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE)
Bilmes, Linda	05/05/2014	05/05/2018	Professor, Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Cambridge, MA	Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE)
Burke, Judy	05/05/2014	01/15/2018	Former Mayor of Grand Lake, Colorado; adjacent to Rocky Mountain National Park; Grand Lake, CO	Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE)
Chen, Milton	05/05/2014	01/15/2018	Senior Fellow and Executive Director Emeritus, The George Lucas Educational Foundation; Nicasio, CA	Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE)
Colwell, Rita	05/05/2014	05/05/2018	Professor, University of Maryland, College Park, Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology; College Park, MD	Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE)
Emert, Joseph	06/13/2018	06/13/2022	President, East Tennessee Historical Society Board of Directors; member of the Board of Directors for the Great Smoky Mountain Institute at Tremont; Registered Nurse; Walland, TN	Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE)
Faustinos, Belinda	05/05/2014	01/15/2018	Senate Pro Tem alternate to the California Coastal Commission; board member, Land Trust Alliance, California Audubon, Eastside Heritage Coalition; retired Executive Officer, San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy; Rosemead, CA	Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE)
Finney, Carolyn	05/05/2014	01/15/2018	Assistant Professor of Geography, Department of Geography, University of Kentucky; Lexington, KY	Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE)
Hewes III, William	06/13/2018	06/13/2022	Mayor of Gulfport, Mississippi	Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE)
Knowles, Tony	05/05/2014	01/15/2018	Consultant, George Kaiser Family Foundation; former governor of Alaska; Anchorage, AK	Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE)

Lansford, Zelma	06/13/2018	06/13/2022	Psychologist; Individual and Organization Development Specialist; Chattanooga, TN	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Long, Gretchen	05/05/2014	01/15/2018	Board Member, Land Trust Alliance; Scenic Hudson; and NatureBridge; Wilson, WY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nau III, John	02/17/2018	02/17/2022	President and Chief Executive Officer, Silver Eagle Distributors, LC; Houston, TX	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pearce, Philip	06/13/2018	06/13/2022	Owner/Manager, Ready Access Services, LLC; College Station, TX	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pitti, Stephen	11/06/2013	11/06/2017	Professor of History and American Studies, Yale University; New Haven, CT	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Radelet, Carolyn	07/04/2017	01/17/2018	President and CEO, Project Concern International; former Director of the Peace Corps; Falls Church, VA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Smith, Boyd	02/27/2018	02/27/2022	Co-Founder and Partner, WSJ Properties, LLC; Palo Alto, CA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wheatley, Margaret	05/05/2014	01/15/2018	Co-founder and President Emerita, Berkana Institute; Provo, UT	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 18**

### **Narrative Description**

The National Park System Advisory Board advises the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior on matters relating to the National Park Service, the National Park System, and programs administered by the National Park Service, including the administration of the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act; the designation of national historic landmarks (NHLs) and national natural landmarks (NNLs); and the national historic significance of proposed national historic trails (NHTs). The Board also advises on matters submitted to the Board by the Secretary or the Director, as well as any other issues identified by the Board.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Outcome Comments**

N/A

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Cost Savings Comments**

N/A

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

0

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The Board did not meet in FY 2018. In FY 2017, Board deliberations included the review and development of recommendations regarding (a) 24 proposed NHL designations, boundary changes/updated documentation for 6 existing NHL properties, withdrawal of

designation for 1 existing NHL property; and (b) 1 proposed NNL designation. In FY 2016, Board deliberations included the review and development of recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding (a) 10 proposed National Historic Landmark (NHL) designations, and boundary changes and updated documentation for 2 existing NHL properties; (b) one nomination for National Natural Landmark designation; and (c) historic significance determination for the proposed expansion/ extension of two national historic trails. The Board approved the development plan for its 2016 report, *Second-Century Perspectives: A Journey of Understanding*, which provides an overview of the Board's accomplishments and offers seven priority recommendations for national parks and programs to extend their benefits and values to citizens and communities throughout the nation. The report was released to the public in August 2016. In FY 2015, Board deliberations included the review and development of recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding (a) 20 nominations for National Historic Landmark (NHL) designation, and withdrawal of designation for 1 existing NHL; (b) 1 nomination for National Natural Landmark designation, and a boundary expansion of 1 existing NNL. The Board deliberated and adopted a report of its Philanthropy and Partnerships Committee titled, *Towards A New Era of Philanthropy and Partnerships*, making recommendations to the National Park Service Director to improve the capacity of the National Park Service for partnership with current and new nonprofit partners, and identify opportunities to drive greater private support through philanthropy. In FY 2014, Board deliberations included the review and development of recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding (a) 14 nominations for National Historic Landmark (NHL) designation, a boundary/name change for an existing NHL, and withdrawal of designation for 2 existing NHLs; (b) a recommendation regarding the national historic significance of a proposed National Historic Trail; and (c) 1 nomination for National Natural Landmark designation. The Board deliberated and adopted a report of its Education Committee titled, *Vision Paper/21st Century National Park Service Interpretive Skills*. In FY 2013, Board deliberations included the review and development of recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding (a) 13 nominations for National Historic Landmark (NHL) designation, and boundary revision and additional documentation for 1 existing NHL; and (b) 2 nominations for National Natural Landmark (NNL) designation, and boundary expansion for an existing NNL. In its report *Planning for a Future National Park System: A Foundation for the 21st Century* (Dec 2012), the Board offered recommendations to the Director of the National Park Service as the NPS continues to develop a National Park System plan that will carry NPS leadership forward into a next century of conservation and heritage preservation. In its report, *Engaging Independent Perspectives for a 21st Century National Park System* (Jan 2013), the Board offered recommendations for next steps in preparing for the National Park Service centennial in 2016 and a second century of public service. In its report, *American Latinos and the Making of the United States: A Theme Study* (Feb

2013), the Board offered recommendations to the Director of the National Park Service to provide a framework for supporting the many partners and communities throughout the nation in identifying buildings, sites, landscapes, and objects associated with the contributions and experiences of American Latinos for designation and preservation. In FY 2012, Board deliberations included the review and development of recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding (A) 40 nominations for National Historic Landmark (NHL) designations, and proposed amendments to 2 existing NHLs; and (B) 3 nominations for National Natural Landmark designation; along with recommendations to the Director of the National Park Service concerning science in the national parks. In FY 2011, Board deliberations included the review and development of recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior regarding (A) 18 nominations for National Historic Landmark designation, the proposed withdrawal of 1 existing NHL; and the proposed amendment of 4 existing NHLs; and (B) 5 nominations for National Natural Landmark designation, and 1 proposed amendment to an existing NNL; along with recommendations to the Director of the National Park Service concerning the Five Year Action Plan that the National Park Service is developing for the Centennial in 2016, and recommendations for a new national park plan for the 21st century. In FY 2010, no proposed national historic trail designations or nominations for National Historic Landmarks or National Natural Landmarks were submitted for consideration by the National Park System Advisory Board.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

N/A

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

N/A. The Board did not meet in FY 2018.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐



### Agency Feedback Comments

National Park Service officials provide oral or written briefings or status reports during meetings of the Board.

### What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Action Comments

N/A

### Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

### Grant Review Comments

N/A

### How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Access Comments

N/A